

(d) *Final extended maturity date* is the date on which a bond will mature and cease to bear interest at the end of the final extended maturity period.

(e) *Incompetent* means an individual who is incapable of handling his or her business affairs because of a legal, mental or medically-established physical disability, except that a minor is not an incompetent solely because of age.

(f) *Issuing agent* means an organization that has been qualified under the provisions of Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 4-67, current revision (31 CFR part 317), to issue savings bonds.

(g) *Original maturity date* means the date on which the bond reaches the end of the term for which it was initially offered and, unless further extended, ceases to earn interest.

(h) *Paying agent* means a financial institution that has been qualified under the provisions of Department of the Treasury Circular No. 750, current revision (31 CFR part 321), to make payment of savings bonds.

(i) *Payment* means redemption, unless otherwise indicated by context.

(j) *Person* means any legal entity including, but without limitation, and individual, corporation (public or private), partnership, unincorporated association, or fiduciary estate.

(k) *Personal trust estates* means trust estates established by natural persons in their own right for the benefit of themselves or other natural persons in whole or in part, and common trust funds comprised in whole or in part of such trust estates.

(l) *Reissue* means the cancellation and retirement of a bond and the issuance of a new bond or bonds of the same series, same issue date, and same total face amount.

(m) *Representative of the estate of a minor, incompetent, aged person, absentee, et al.* means the court-appointed or otherwise qualified person, regardless of title, who is legally authorized to act for the individual. The term does not include parents in their own right, voluntary or natural guardians, or the executors or administrators of decedents' estates.

(n) *Surrender* means the actual receipt of a bond with an appropriate re-

quest for payment or reissue by either a Federal Reserve Bank or Branch, the Bureau of the Public Debt, or, if a paying agent is authorized to handle the transaction, the actual receipt of the bond and the request for payment by the paying agent.

(o) *Taxpayer identifying number* means a social security account number or an employer identification number.

(p) *Voluntary guardian* means an individual who is recognized as authorized to act for an incompetent, as provided by § 315.64.

## Subpart B—Registration

### § 315.5 General rules.

(a) *Registration is conclusive of ownership.* Savings bonds are issued only in registered form. The registration must express the actual ownership of, and interest in, the bond. The registration is conclusive of ownership, except as provided in § 315.49.

(b) *Requests for registration.* Registrations requested must be clear, accurate and complete, conform substantially with one of the forms set forth in this subpart, and include the taxpayer identifying number of the owner or first-named coowner. The taxpayer identifying number of the second-named coowner or beneficiary is not required but its inclusion is desirable. The registration of all bonds owned by the same person, organization, or fiduciary should be uniform with respect to the name of the owner and any description of the fiduciary capacity. An individual should be designated by the name he or she is ordinarily known by or uses in business, including at least one full given name. The name may be preceded or followed by any applicable title, such as *Miss*, *Mr.*, *Mrs.*, *Ms.*, *Dr.*, *Rev.*, *M.D.*, or *D.D.*. A suffix, such as *Sr.* or *Jr.*, must be included when ordinarily used or when necessary to distinguish the owner from another member of his family. A married woman's own given name, not that of her husband, must be used; for example, *Mary A. Jones* or *Mrs. Mary A. Jones*, NOT *Mrs. Frank B. Jones*. The address must include, where appropriate, the number and street, route, or any other local feature, city, State, and ZIP Code.